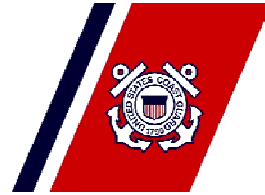


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COAST GUARD RESCUES FISHERMAN WITH BROKEN ANKLE

BOSTON - A Coast Guard helicopter crew rescued a fisherman with a broken ankle 128 miles east of Chatham, Mass.

The captain of the fishing vessel Melissa Jayne called the Coast Guard by satellite phone at 3:15 a.m. today reporting a crew member, Alfredo Rivas, had a compound fracture to his ankle.

The Coast Guard launched a rescue helicopter to airlift Rivas and take him to Cape Cod Hospital in Hyannis, Mass.

Winds on scene are 40 knots and seas are 18 feet.